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Applicant(s): Hausen, Bernard A.; et. al.  
Assignee: Cardica, Inc.  
Title: Method and System for Performing Closed-Chest Bypass Graft Surgery  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is authorized in an accompanying transmittal letter.

Please consider the Information Disclosure Statement and the Response to Office Action submitted with this request. Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions. Thank you.

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